

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lorrie Graves on her selection as Teacher of the Year for Moore Elementary School and Franklin Special Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Moore Elementary School and the Franklin Special School District, honors most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves received her Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher of grades one through six for 21 exemplary years; she presently serves with distinction as a first grade teacher at Moore Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, constantly striving to better herself through her professional alliances, Lorrie Graves is a member of many educational organizations, including the National Science Teachers Association, the Tennessee Science Teachers Association, the International Reading Association, the Tennessee Reading Teachers Association, the National and Tennessee Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development ASCD, the Harpeth Reading Teachers Association, the Tennessee Teachers Technology Association, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Graves is also actively involved in numerous professional development activities and is much sought after as an in-service presenter; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Lorrie Graves has twice been named runner-up for Teacher of the Year honors in the Spring Independent School District and has been recognized by both the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs for excellence in teaching; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual woman, Lorrie Graves is heavily involved with her church as a member of the Administrative Board and her Sunday School Class, and as a volunteer for "Sunday Table for the Homeless," "Room at the Inn" and the "Friend in Faith" program; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Lorrie Graves is most appreciative of the love, support and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Lorrie Graves truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lorrie Graves on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Moore Elementary School and the Franklin Special School District, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.